

Students picket universities on South African interests

AMHERST, Mass. — Rallying to the cry of "University investments out of Southern Africa," student anti-apartheid groups at 12 major colleges in the Northeast have co-ordinated two weeks of demonstrations and pickets scheduled to run until Nov. 4.

Organized by the Northeast Coalition for the Liberation of Southern Africa (NECISA)—a coalition of student, community and national anti-apartheid organizations — these co-ordinated actions will include demonstrations at Amherst College, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, New York University, Princeton, Rutgers, State University of New York, Tufts, Vassar, Wellesley and Yale.

Most of the actions, organized to coincide with university trustee meetings, will be protesting university financial investments in the U.S. banks and corporations with economic ties to Southern Africa.

The groups believe that investment by U.S. corporations in South Africa provide badly needed economic, political and psychological support to the white minority regime.

Many student groups have expanded the focus of their activities to include pickets of corporate recruiters visiting their campuses.

The Amherst College South Africa Support Committee (SASC) picketed recruiters from Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith and Union Carbide on Oct. 18 and Oct. 24 respectively. Students will also stage a large demonstration at the next trustee meeting on Nov. 4.

Amherst has over \$20 million invested in corporations operating in

South Africa and the chairman of the Board of Trustees is also chairman of the board of First Boston Corp., which has participated in loans totalling over \$200 million to South Africa.

The Committee Against Investments in South Africa (CAISA) at Columbia have already demonstrated at a trustee meeting on Oct. 2. They will continue their campaign against investments in South Africa by organizing a rally at the next trustees meeting on Nov. 6.

Columbia has investments of \$70 million linked to South Africa. President McGill of Columbia also sits on the board of Texaco, one of the largest U.S. investors in South Africa.

Several student groups at Cornell University demonstrated at their trustee meeting on Oct. 20 calling for divestment of over \$70 million of investments in corporations such as Citibank, IBM and Mobil.

Students at Dartmouth, after picketing the administration building through the summer and early fall, will be rallying at their trustee meeting on Nov. 3-4. Dartmouth has more than \$30 million in corporations operating in South Africa.

The Harvard South Africa Solidarity Committee demonstrated at the opening of the Engelhard Library of the Kennedy School of Government Oct. 21 to protest Charles Engelhard's funding of the library. Engelhard is intricately involved in mining and other businesses in South Africa.

Harvard students are also participating with union and community

groups to demonstrate for economic and diplomatic sanctions against South Africa when President Carter campaigns in Boston on Oct. 28.

The Princeton Peoples Front for the Liberation of Southern Africa will demonstrate at the trustee meeting on Oct. 27 to protest Princeton's investments of some \$150 million in corporations in South Africa and the extensive interlocks between Princeton trustees and boards of corporations in South Africa.

Students from the Newark and New Brunswick campuses of Rutgers University will be rallying at the trustee meeting on Oct. 25 at New Brunswick.

The Coalition For Social Responsibility at Vassar picketed IBM's plant in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Oct. 19. On Oct. 21 students rallied at a trustee meeting to call for divestment of Vassar's \$18 million in holdings in corporations in South Africa.

The Tufts Committee for South African Divestment held a vigil outside the president's house Oct. 18 to protest Tufts' holdings of over \$8 million in corporations such as IBM, Texaco and General Motors, which do business in South Africa.

Students at Yale University will be picketing recruiters from Morgan Guaranty and IBM Nov. 1.

On November 3 and 4 students will also be demonstrating at a meeting of the Yale Corporation to protest Yale's investments of over \$100 million in corporation in South Africa.

This action will also address Yale's lack of commitment to affirmative action.